GRAB ON!!

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THROUGH THE DEEP SNOW
〈PART 7〉

TAKE MY COL-LAR!!
GAAAH...

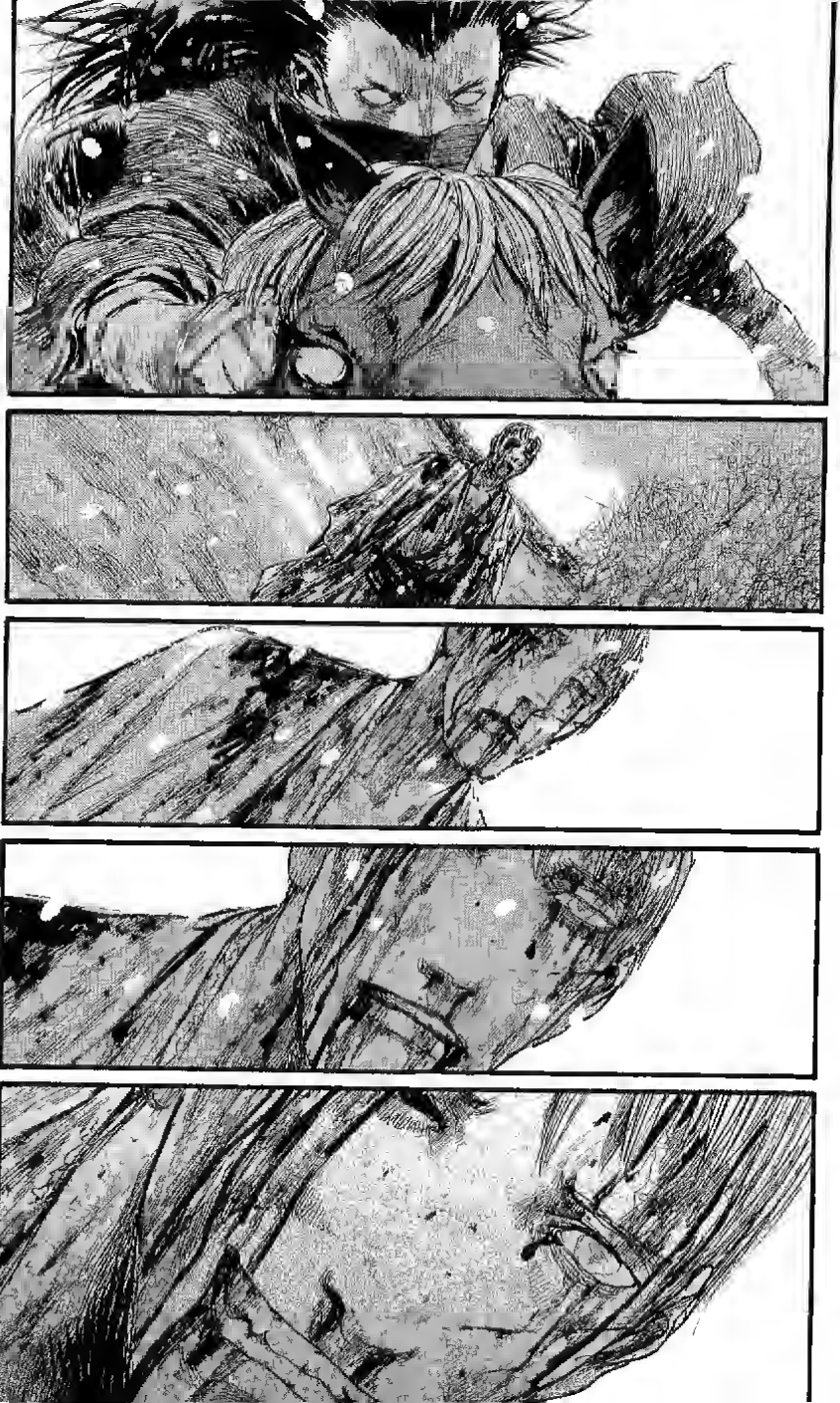
HE...
DAMN
HE...
I KNOW THAT YOU CAN'T HOLD THE SWORD...
I'M SORRY BUT...
TAKE THAT, MANJI!
BUT HERE'S ONE STRAIGHT TO YOUR HAND!

THANK YOU!
YOU ARE THE REASON FOR SHIRA'S BODY...
YES... LIKE THIS...
YOU CAN STRIKE EVEN WITH FROZEN HANDS!
YOU PUSHED HIM INTO A CORNER.
I'M ONLY SOMEONE WHO WILL WATCH YOU...
PLAY THE MAIN ROLE UNTIL THE END.

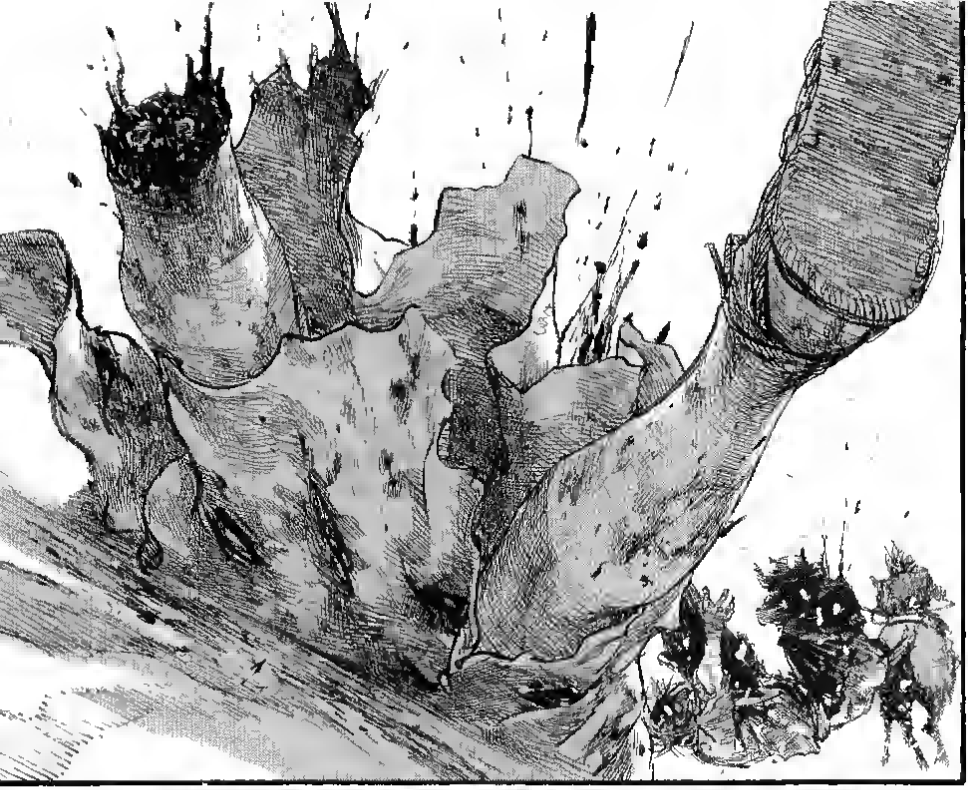
YOU LET ME DO THE HARD WORK!
HOW NOBLE...
SHIT...

HAAAH...
HAAAH...

HYAA-
AAH!
CAN'T
MOVE...



GO MANJI!
GRRRRA-AAAAHH!!!



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AHHH
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THIS
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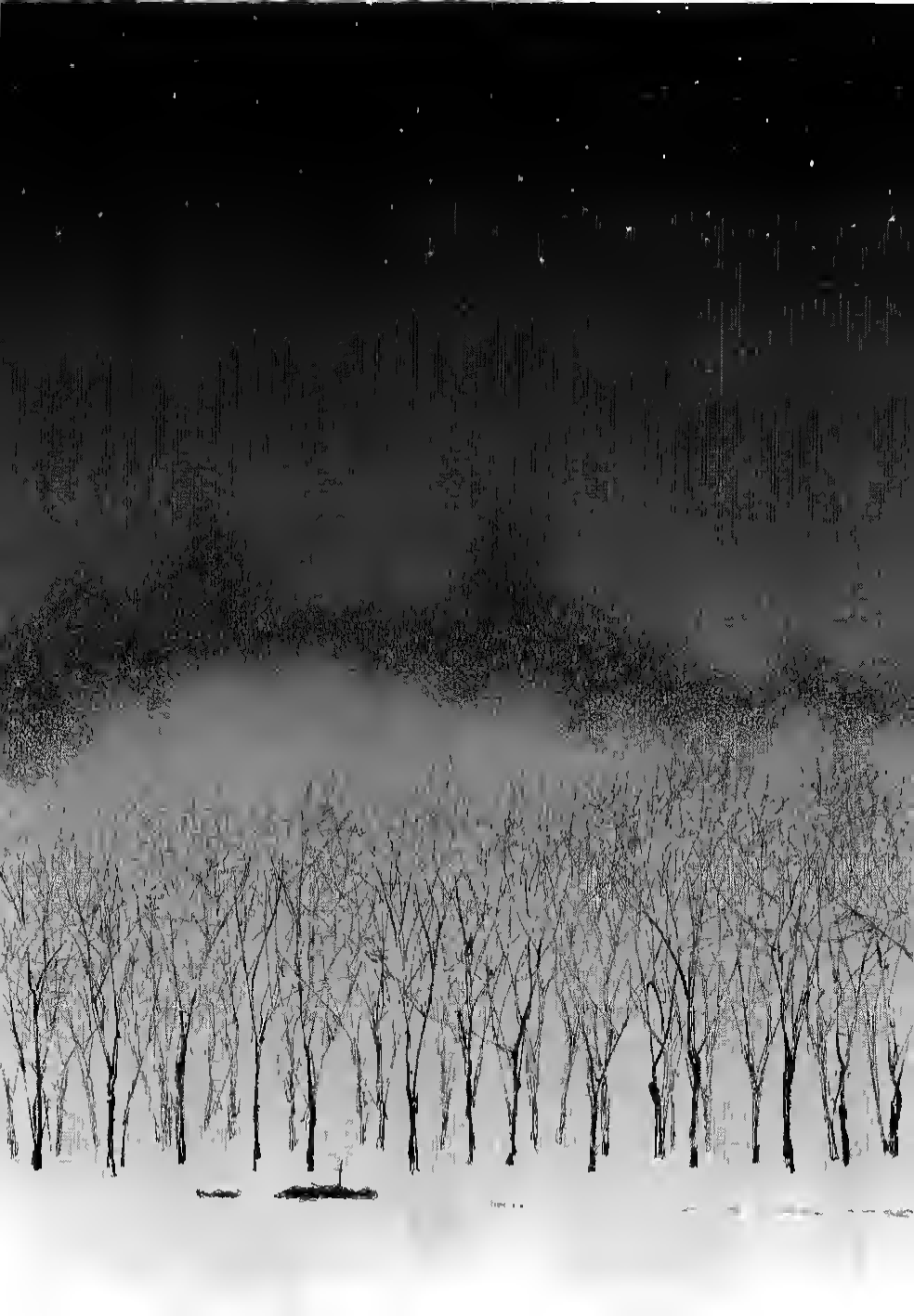
AH..
AH...
.....
IT'S OVER, SHIRA.
STAY DOWN.

ITTO-RYU AND MANJI TOO.
YOU COULD SAY THE SAME FOR..
BUT...
YOU STOLE LIFE FROM SO MANY PEOPLE...

SOMEHOW... YOU REMIND ME OF YOUR BOSS NOW.
IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND THAT, TOO BAD FOR YOU.
SHIRA, IN THE TIMES AHEAD, MEN LIKE US WILL JUST FADE INTO THE UNKNOWN.

I'M TAKING MANJI'S ARM BACK FOR HIM.
HAAH
HAAH



OH, YOU'RE AWAKE?
WHERE IS RENZO?
TAN-POPO...
WHAT'S TAKING SO LONG...?
HE WENT OUT FOR A PEE.

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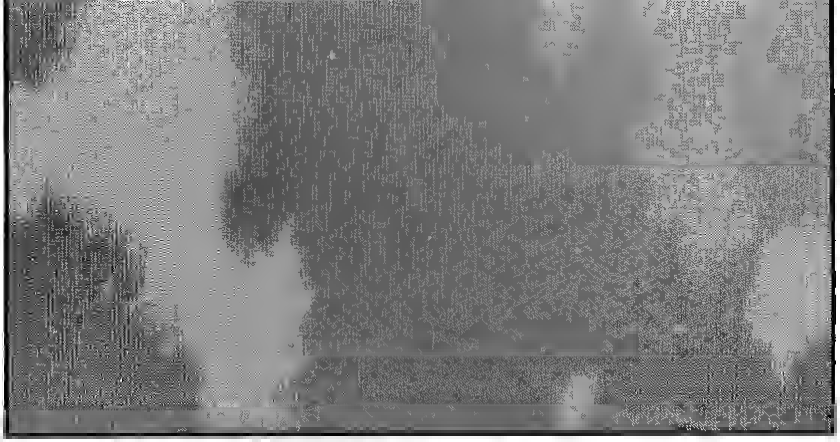
❖ CHAPTER 168 ❖

NOURISHMENT

〈PART 2〉



AH, I UNDER-STAND...

I CAN'T SEE NOW...

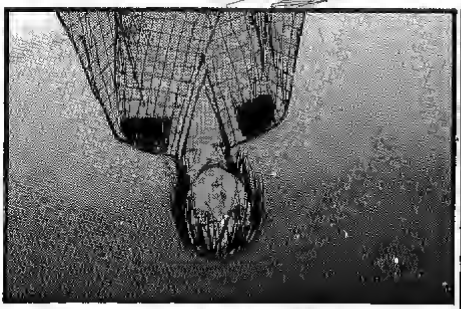
WHAT IS THIS..?

MY HEAD...

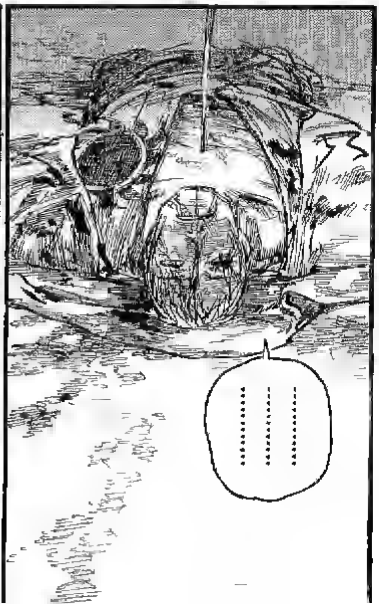
SHOULDN'T IT...

HAVE CONNEC-TED THE BROKEN NERVES BY NOW...?

HA HA HA HA HA...



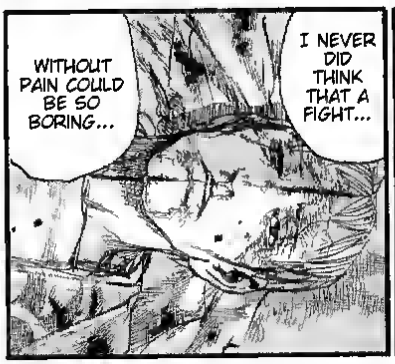
RENZO...

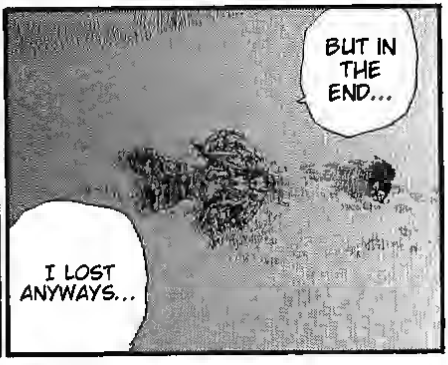


I'M SORRY...
I COULDN'T KILL THE MAN WHO MURDERED YOU DAD.
HEH...
I HAVE LOST...
EVEN WITH IMMORTALITY.
EVEN WITHOUT PAIN.
BUT...
IT WAS THREE TO ONE...
AND THEY USED A...
HORSE...

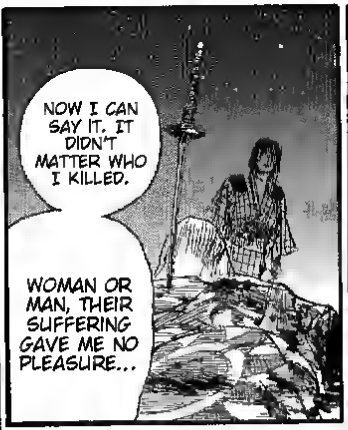
OH THE WINTER SKY...
ACTUALLY I DID PRETTY WELL.
MAN WHAT NONSENSE...
FIRST I TOOK A TUMBLE OFF A CLIFF...
THEN HABAKI FOUND ME...
AND I LOST POWER...

A WEAPON THAT COULD REPLACE MY ARM...
I DID BELIEVE THAT I LOST SOME-THING...
BUT I ALSO THOUGHT I WON SOMETHING...


WITHOUT PAIN COULD BE SO BORING...
I NEVER DID THINK THAT A FIGHT...


BUT IN THE END...
I LOST ANYWAYS...

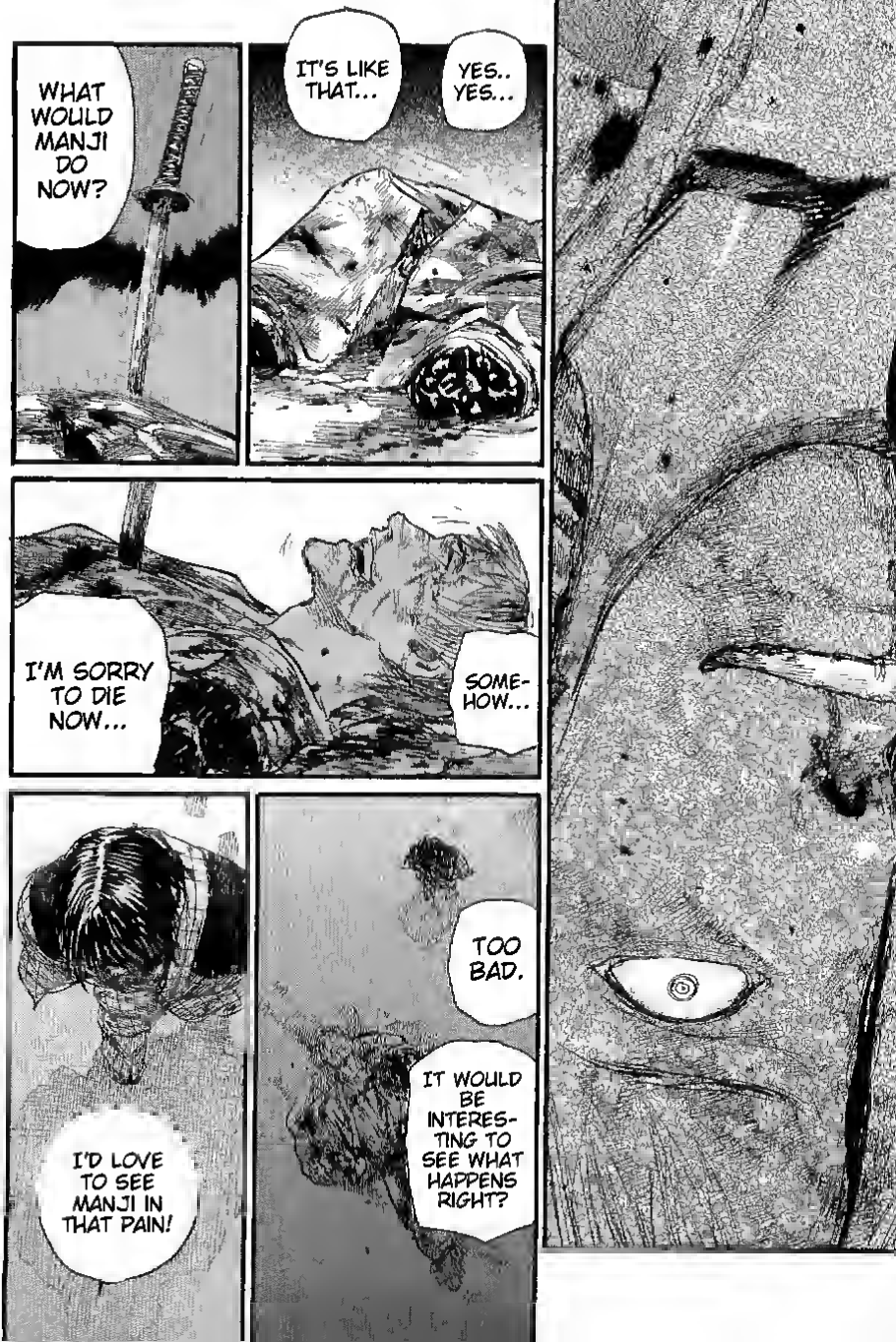
HA HAHA...
IT WAS A WASTE OF TIME FOR YOU, TOO.


NOW I CAN SAY IT. IT DIDN'T MATTER WHO I KILLED.
WOMAN OR MAN, THEIR SUFFERING GAVE ME NO PLEASURE...

HE HE...

PAH...
JUST LIKE MY IMMORTALITY... IT'S OVER...
IT WON'T TAKE THAT LONG ANY-MORE...
THE WORMS WHO ARE LEFT THEY JUST HAVE THE POWER TO REPAIR MY SPLIT HEAD...
HE TOOK THE ARM WITH HIM...

WONDER IF IT'S BORING FOR MANJI...
AT THE MOMENT... QUITE HELPFUL...
BUT AFTER A YEAR, YOU'D HAVE HAD ENOUGH...
NOW...
WITH NOBODY TO CARE ABOUT...
THAT GIRL IS HIS END...
HAHA! YES...
IT'S LIKE THAT...
HE HE...


WHAT WOULD MANJI DO NOW?
IT'S LIKE THAT...
YES.. YES...
I'M SORRY TO DIE NOW...
SOME-HOW...
I'D LOVE TO SEE MANJI IN THAT PAIN!
IT WOULD BE INTERES-TING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS RIGHT?
TOO BAD.

OH...
.....
HE IS A REALLY STRANGE GUY...

HM?
RENZO. DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?
HEY...
WHAT'S UP WITH THEM?

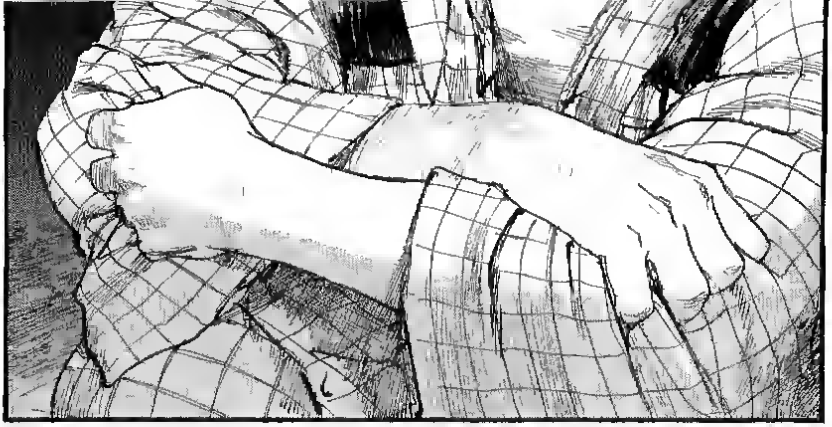
THE DOCTOR MIGHTA MENTIONED THIS AS A DEATH, TOO.
HEY, A MOMENT PLEASE...
RENZO, GO AWAY!!

SUCH A FEE-LING!
YAAAAA-AAAH!!!!

AHAHA HAHA! HOW THEY TEAR!
RENZO!!
STOP!!!
YOUR VEN-GEANCE!

THAT'S NOTHING FOR YOU!!!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WITH WHO YOU COOPE-RATE!
YOU CAN'T KILL MANJI!!
BECAUSE YOUR DAD GOT KILLED YOU CAN ONLY SEE YOURSELF AS A VICTIM...
SO YOU COULDN'T DO THE WORST OF IT!
YOU CAN'T BE PURE EVIL LIKE ME!
AREN'T YOU A MAN?!?

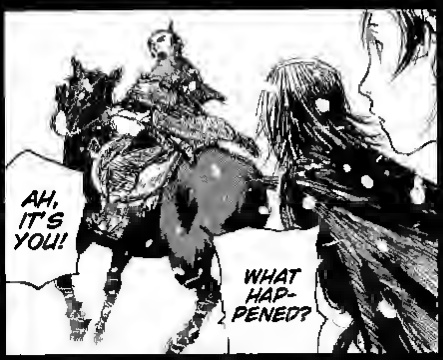
OR LIVE LIKE A FOOL, IF YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
TAKE IT SERIOUSLY!
DON'T LET YOURSELF GET POISONED BY EVIL!
AND ONE THING MORE!
NEVER LISTEN TO MEN LIKE ME!
AHAHA HAHA AHAHA HAHA HAHA HA!!!!!



AND WE WERE JUST ON THE WAY TO REPORT THAT TO HABAKI.
IT'S BEEN REPORTED.
THE LEADER OF ITTO-RYU IS NOT TOGETHER WITH THE OTHERS ON THE MITO-WAY...

!?
AH, MITAKE-SAN!

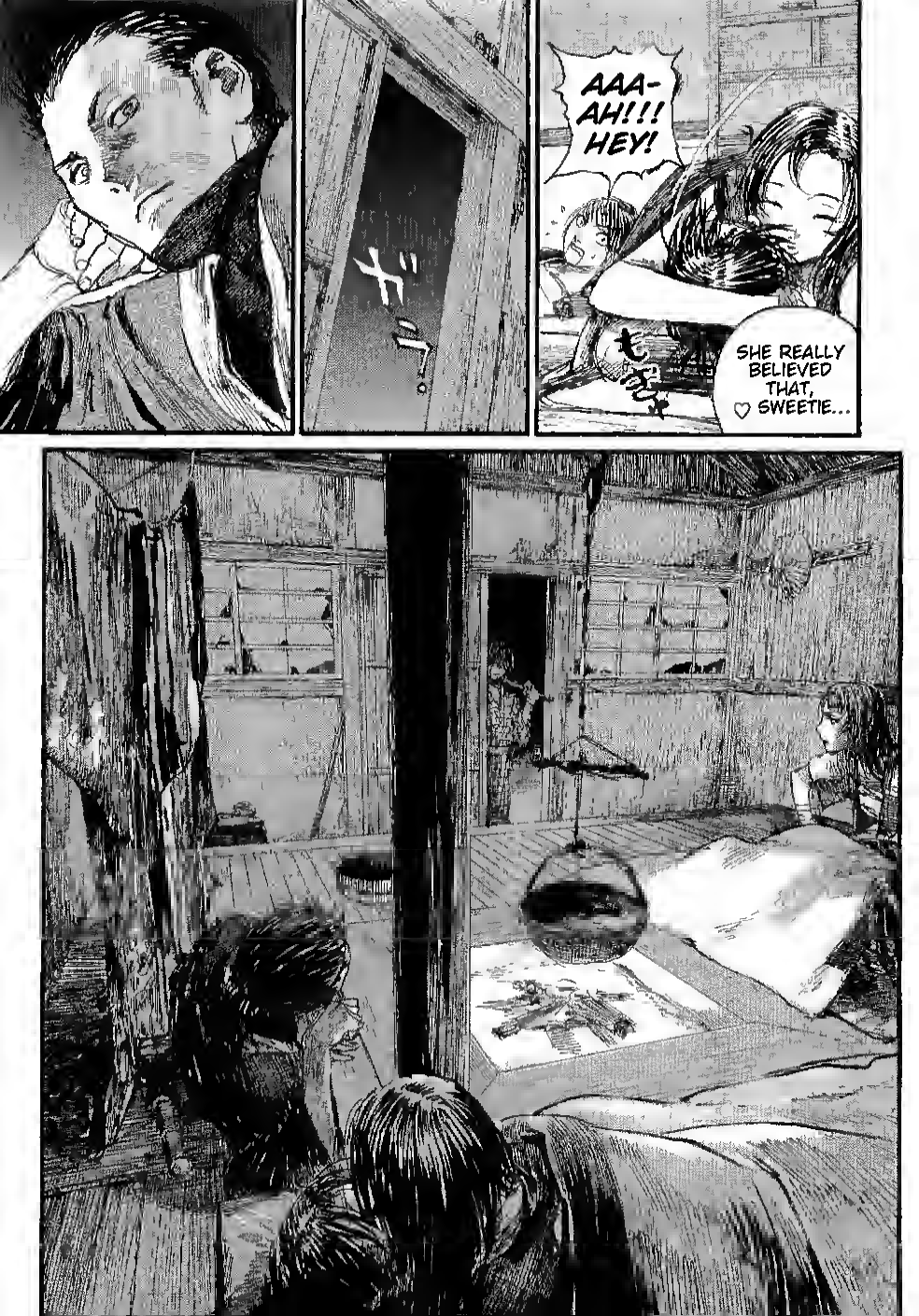
YOU JUST COME AT THE RIGHT TIME!
WE GOT AN URGENT MES-SAGE!


AH, IT'S YOU!
WHAT HAP-PENED?

I'M IN A REAL HURRY!
YESTERDAY NIGHT, FOUR ITTO-RYU FIGHTERS RAIDED PALACE AND CAUSED A GIANT SLAUGHTER.
THE ONES ON THE MITT-WAY WERE A DIVERSION!
AT THIS POINT...
OUR MESSAGE FAILED...
MITAKE DID TOLD US THAT WE SHOULD WAIT FOR NEW ORDERS AND THAT WE SHOULD GO BACK TO THE PALACE...
...BUT TO BE HONEST WE WERE REALLY EXHAUSTED.
FROM THE RUNNING!
AND WHEN WE DID GO BACK LIKE COMMANDED...
A PERSON WHO RODE WELL PASSED US. HE LOOKED LIKEKAGEHISA ANOTSU...
SO WE ACTED LIKE WE DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING.

DO YOU GET THAT?
WE DIDN'T CAME BACK TO HELP YOU!
YES, OF COURSE.
YEAH, I GOT IT.
HEY WAIT!
I DON'T CARE...
I'M NOT AFRAID OF PEOPLE WHO ARE INJURED!
YOU REALLY GOT BALLS TO SAY THAT IN FRONT OF ME!
CAN YOU EAT IT?
IF IT'S ITTO-RYU OR NOT, IT'S NOT INTERES-TING....
RIN..
YOU PRICK...

HOW IS YOUR LEG?
OH... WELL...
I CAN'T MOVE THEM BUT MY BLOOD IS MOVING.
YOU ARE LUCKY... AFTER ALL THAT TIME IN THE WATER...
BECAUSE YOU WON'T COOL DOWN THAT FAST LIKE IN THE SNOW.
MANJI DIDN'T HAVE THAT MUCH LUCK.
HE DID COME OUT WITH WET CLOTHES... AND ALL THE WIND AND SNOW...
I'M SORRY
I WAS THINKING I WOULD WARM HIM A LITTLE..
AH...
OKAY...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AAA-AH!!! HEY!
SHE REALLY BELIEVED THAT, ♡ SWEETIE...

RE...
!?
RENZO?!

WHAT ...?!
KAGEHISA ANOTSU AND THREE OTHER ITTO-RYU FIGHTERS FOUGHT THROUGH THE PALACE GATES.
YES. YESTER-DAY NIGHT...

IN THE PALACE ..?!
THEY KILLED MORE THAN A HUNDRED GUARDS...
AND THE GATE-KEEPERS.

THAT'S WHY THEY ACTED LIKE THEY WANTED TO GO TO HITACHI...

I...
UNDER-STAND...

AAAAH-
WAAAAAH
!!!!!
KAGEHISA
ANOTSU...
FATH-...
HABAKI-
SAN!
AH...
AH...
AHHHH...

...AS TO BE A MERE GATE-KEEPER..
I HAVE NEVER REGRETTED SO MUCH...

THESE TEARS SHALL BE DEADLY. WAIT AND SEE!

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GIVEN WINGS

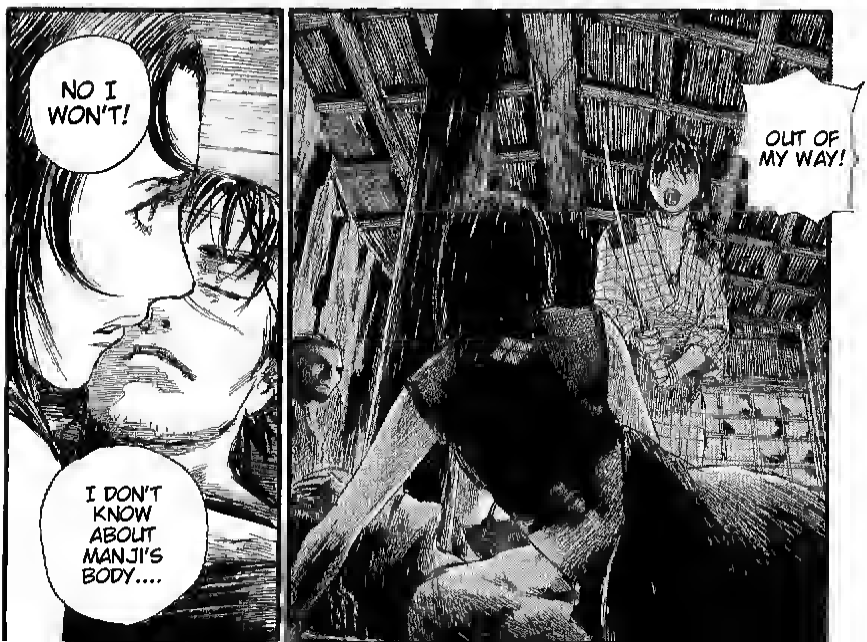
RENZO...

THAT'S DANGER-OUS...
...PUT THE SWORD AWAY!
I STILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS MAN!
...THAT CUTS OR SLASHES DON'T KILL HIM.
I KNOW...

SHIRA IS DEAD.
MY DAD IS DEAD..
ONLY HE...
THAT'S...
SO UNFAIR.
RIN...
YOU HAD ME FOOLED THEN, RIGHT?
I SHOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED THAT HE WAS DEAD!
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
BACK THEN I MET MANJI... THE SECOND TIME...
IT WAS HIS RIGHT ARM.
WE ONLY DUG ONE ARM UP...

I TOOK HIS ARM AND RAN WITH IT, BUT..
...HE'D LOST HIS LEFT ARM..
THAT'S EXACTLY
WHAT I WILL DO...
ACTU-ALLY ...
HE LOST BOTH ARMS ALREADY.
AND LET HIM LIVE LIKE THAT.
I WILL CUT OF BOTH ARMS...
WOULD THAT TEACH HIM WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE NORMAL?

TO PUT ARMS AND LEGS BACK ON....
...THAT'S CRAZY ISN'T IT?!

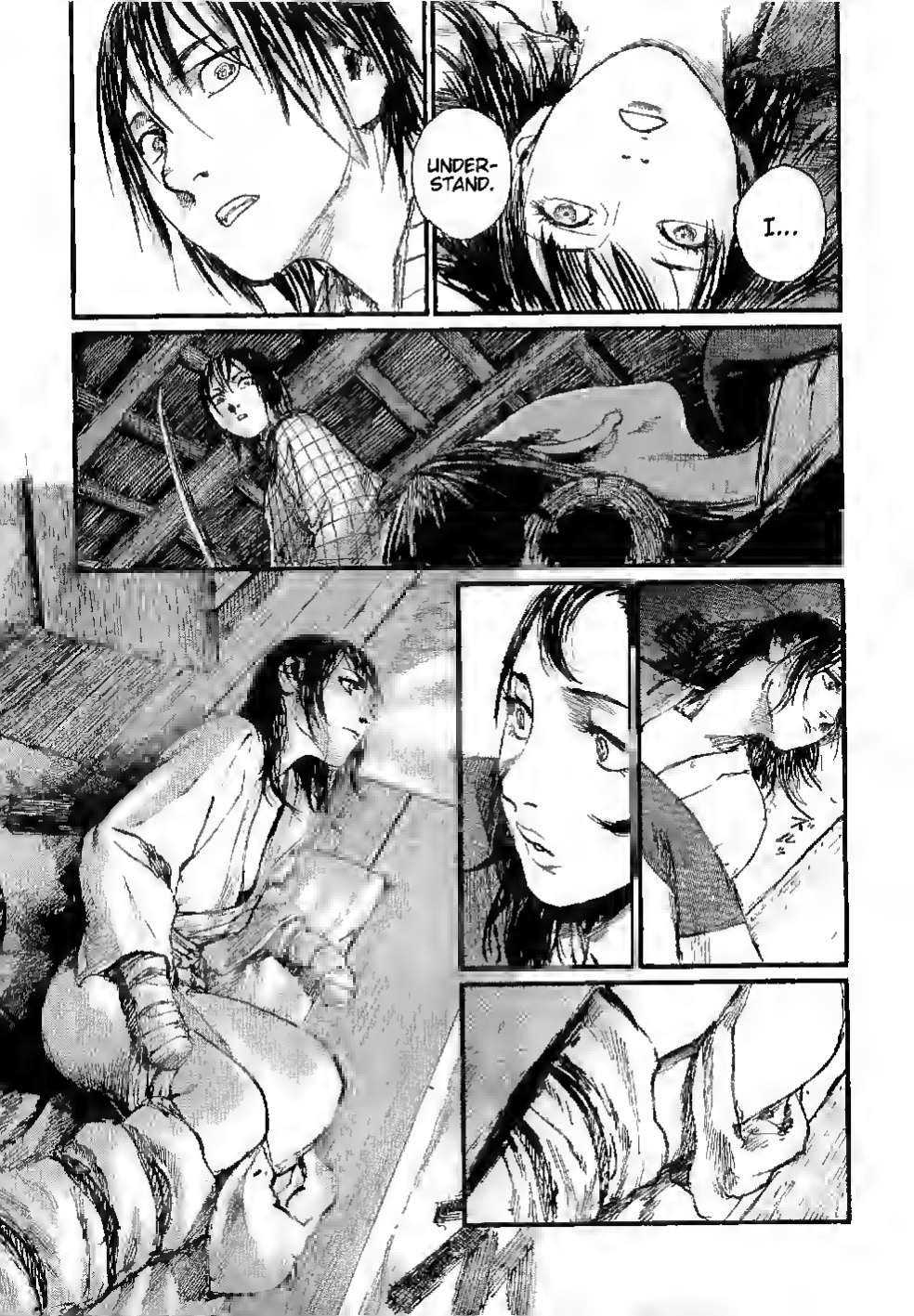

NO I WON'T!
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT MANJI'S BODY....
OUT OF MY WAY!

I DON'T KNOW THIS STORY...
...BUT WITH YOUR WEAK ARMS...
...YOU COULD NEVER DO IT.
BUT I KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF HE LOSES BOTH HIS ARMS RIGHT NOW.
YOU WOULD HAVE MAYBE A CHANCE WITH A FRESH, SHARP BLADE. BUT WITH THIS BLUNT THING...
IT'S JUST USELESS TO TRY TO CUT MANJI IN PIECES.
AND I DOUBT THAT SOMEONE WILL HELP YOU.
WHY...?
THAT'S IT...

...PROTECTING THAT GUY?
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS KEEP...
SHI-RA...
IS DEAD...
HE DIED ALL ALONE...
AND HE WAS EATEN BY WILD DOGS... TORN TO PIECES!
A REALLY TERRIBLE DEATH.
THAT'S PROBABLY THE... WAY IT SHOULD BE...
A MAN LIKE HIM WOULDN'T DIE LIKE A HUMAN.
BUT WHAT...

IS WITH THIS GUY?
HE IS A BIG CRIMI-NAL TOO!
HOW MANY PEOPLE HAS HE KILLED?!
WHY?!
DO YOU ALL CARE SO MUCH ABOUT HIM?
ISN'T HE THE SAME AS SHIRA?!
I DIDN'T LOVE SHIRA...
WHAT HE DID TO ME...
I THOUGHT OF KILLING HIM.. OR KILLING MYSELF!

SHIRA WAS ALONE...
AND GIVE THEIR LIVES FOR HIM... ALL OF YOU BEING THERE FOR HIM...
BUT IF I SEE HOW MANY OF YOU CARE ABOUT THIS GUY...
OUT OF MY WAY...
JUST TOO MUCH FOR ME.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW..
THE THOUGHT IS SOME-HOW...
HIS ARMS AREN'T THAT MUCH TO ASK FOR!
HE IS A MUR-DERER!


UNDER-
STAND.
I...

RENZO...
I...
MURDERED YOUR DAD.

I ASKED MANJI TO BE MY GUARD.
MORE ACCURATELY. BECAUSE OF YOUR FATHER, ARAYA KAWAKAMI...
OR...
RENZO, DO YOU GET THIS? YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO RAISE THAT SWORD TO ME...
BUT I...
...DON'T WANT TO DIE.
MANJI KILLED HIM FOR ME.

TO DIE BEFORE OF THAT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION.
I CAN DO THAT WITHOUT ARMS.
BUT...
SO RENZO?
THERE IS SOMEONE IN MY LIFE... THAT I MUST REPAY.
I GIVE YOU...
DO IT...
MY ARMS.
I KNOW IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT STATE MY BODY IS IN, BECAUSE MANJI WILL STAY WITH ME TILL THE END.

RIN...
I SAW IT FROM THE START.
SOMETHING HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU AND DAD.
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HIM!
BUT WHAT COULD I HAVE DONE?!

MY MOTHER DIED...
WITHOUT TELLING ME ABOUT HIM!.
NOT WHY SHE LEFT HIM... OR WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST...
NO-BODY TELLS ME!
THAT'S WHY I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!
TELL ME!
WHAT DID MY FATHER DO?!
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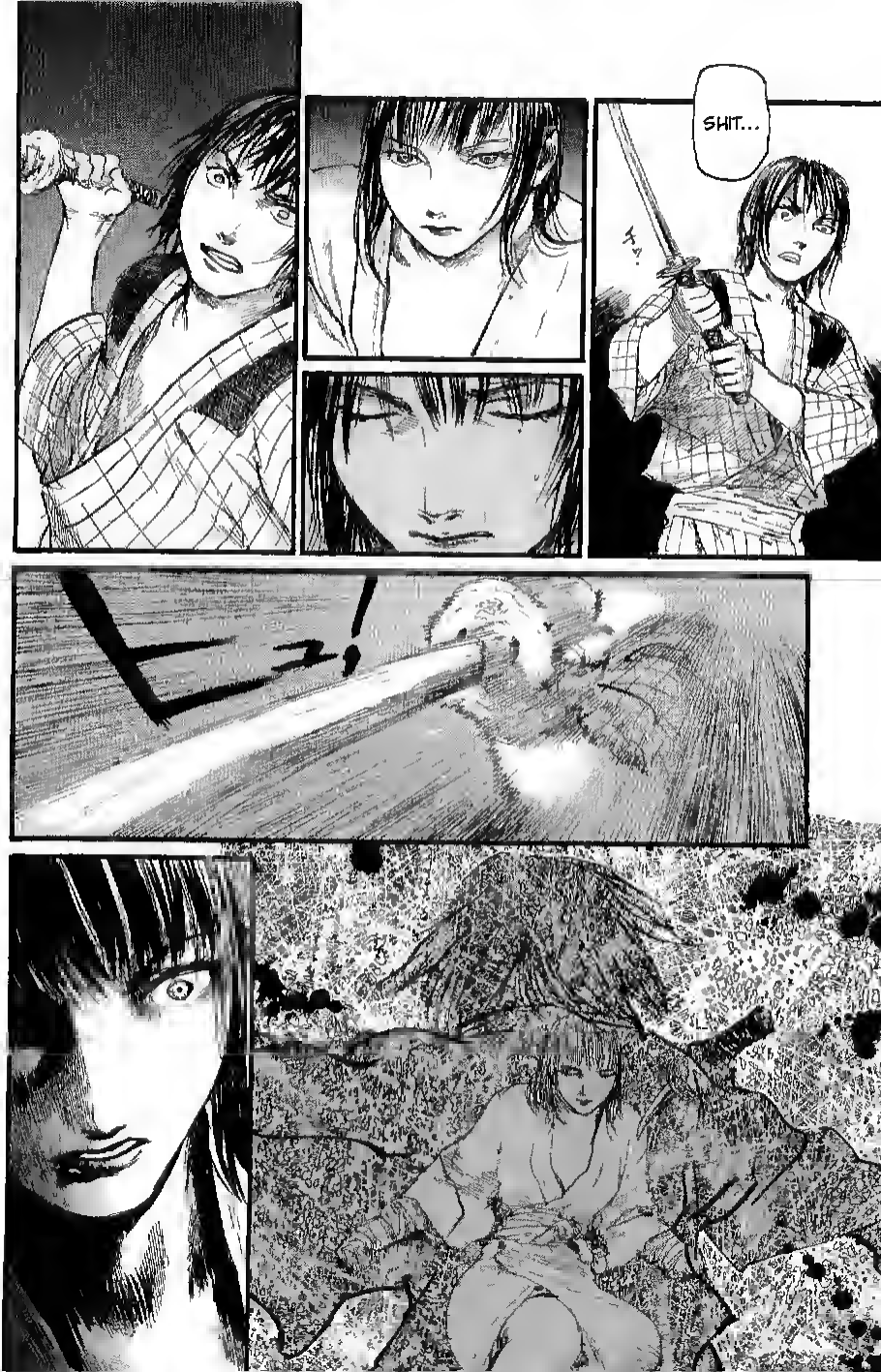
PLEASE... TELL ME SOME-THING...

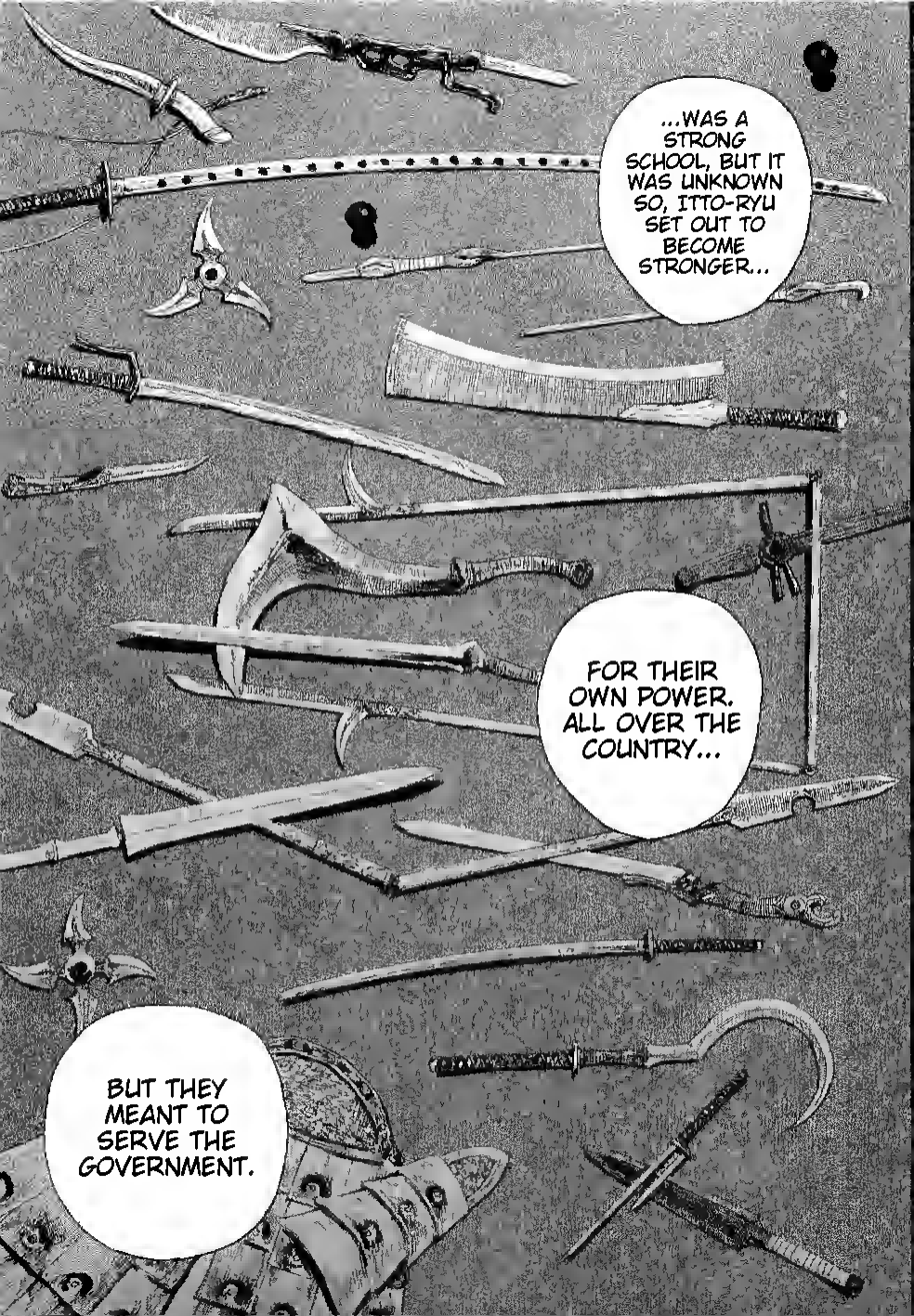

SHIT...

MANJI..!
AH!
THIS IS THE HAND I DRAW WITH.

THAT WAS CLOSE...
THIS POT ALMOST FELL.
TCH

ARE YOU SILENT BECAUSE OF COMPAS-SION?
TELL ME.
RIN...
THIS IS ABOUT MY OLD COMRADES!
YOU'RE WRONG...
THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSI-NESS.
BOY...

I UNDER-STAND.
THEN LISTEN TO THIS.
?
NO.
DID YOU EVER HEAR ABOUT THE NAME "ITTO-RYU"?
"WAS" I SHOULD SAY...
I WAS A MEMBER OF THAT SCHOOL...
THERE IS A SWORD SCHOOL CALLED THAT.
ITTO-RYU...
JUST LIKE YOUR DAD...


...WAS A STRONG SCHOOL, BUT IT WAS UNKNOWN SO, ITTO-RYU SET OUT TO BECOME STRONGER...
FOR THEIR OWN POWER. ALL OVER THE COUNTRY...
BUT THEY MEANT TO SERVE THE GOVERNMENT.

ON THE WAY, WE KILLED A LOT OF PEOPLE.
AND AMONG THEM WAS...
THE FAMILY OF THIS GIRL TOO.
LET ME TELL YOU BEFORE-HAND...
YOUR DAD HADN'T DONE ANYTHING TO HER FAMILY...
THAT'S WHY YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO HATE RIN AND MANJI.
IF YOU KNOW EVERYTHING.
RIN IS NOT AFRAID OF YOUR REVENGE, RENZO...

AND EVEN I KNOW A LITTLE BIT OF HOW IT FEELS.
IT'S BECAUSE SHE IS ALL TOO AWARE...
IF SHE DOESN'T SAY ANY-THING...
SHE KNOWS...
HOW HATE CAN RUIN LIVES...
ABOUT HATED. ABOUT WHAT IT CAN DO TO YOU.
THE WORLD IS REALLY CRUEL FOR A CHILD LIKE YOU WHO LOST HIS PARENTS...
...WHO LIVES ALL ALONE IN THE WORLD.
RIN KNOWS THAT...
SHE WISHES SHE DID NOT.

BOY...
REMEMBER THE NAME "ITTO-RYU" AND GO BACK TO EDO.

IF YOU GO THERE...
THEN A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL KNOW THE NAME.
THEY'LL CARE FOR YOU.

IF YOU WANT, LEARN ABOUT THAT NAME.
WHAT GOALS THEY HAD.
AND WHAT THEY HAVE DONE.

IF YOU KNOW EVERY-THING...
THEN YOU MAY CHOOSE...
IF I CAN GO BACK TO EDO SOON, I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT IT AS WELL.
THAT GIRL OVER THERE IS A NINJA. SHE KNOWS A GREAT DEAL, TOO.
IF YOU WILL FORGIVE MANJI AND RIN.
YOU MIGHT LEARN WHO YOU SHOULD ACTUALLY FORGIVE.
OR NOT.
WHEN YOU KNOW THE MEANING OF YOUR FATHER'S LIFE.
BUT CHOOSE WHEN YOU KNOW EVERY-THING.

IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MANY YEARS MAY PASS.
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU NEED YEARS BEFORE YOU CAN CHOOSE. JUST GROW UP IN THAT TIME!
THIS MAN WILL BE THE SAME DESPITE THOSE YEARS PASSING.
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